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(b) whether the construction of a reservoir at Siruvani at Coimbatore will be started soon ; and

(c) if so, where the reservoir will be located ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) to (c) Negotiations are in progress with the Government of Kerala.

Buckingham Canal, Cooum river, etc.

* 177. Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the department which exercises control over the Buckingham Canal, the Cooum river and the Adyar river in the City of Madras ; and

(b) whether the suggestions made by Sri K. Kamaraj, the former Chief Minister with regard to the Buckingham Canal are under the consideration of the Government ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) The Irrigation Branch of the Public Works Department.

(b) Yes.

Sothuparai and Kuppamparai dams

* 178. Q.—SRI N. R. THIAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct Sothuparai dam and Kuppamparai dam west of Periakulam, Madurai district;

(b) the estimated cost of each dam ;

(c) the total ayacut area likely to be irrigated ; and

(d) the revenue villages which will be benefitted by new irrigation facilities ?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH : (a) The proposal is under investigation and in a preliminary stage.

(b) to (d) These do not arise just at present.

Missing of a patient in Government Hospital, Coimbatore

* 179. Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN (on behalf of SRI. N. V. Natarajan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a woman patient was found missing from the maternity ward of the Government Hospital, Coimbatore ; and

(b) the reasons therefor ?

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : (a) Yes.

(b) The patient absconded on the morning of 15th June 1965. Later, it was found that she reached her home. The patient was a little maniacal while at the hospital.